

# REQUEST

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INTERNAL TISSUE RETRACTOR

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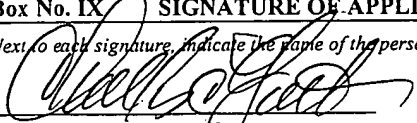
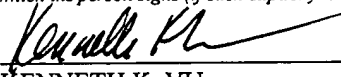
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<b>Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claim is indicated in the Supplemental Box.		
Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application.* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 24 January 2003 (24.01.03)	60/442,390	US		
item (2)				
item (3)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office) identified above as item(s): <u>1</u> * Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, it is mandatory to indicate in the Supplemental Box at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii). See Supplemental Box.				
<b>Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY</b>				
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen.; the two-letter code may be used):		Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):		
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<b>Box No. VIII CHECK LIST: LANGUAGE OF FILING</b>				
This international application contains the following number of sheets:		This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:		
request	2	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet		
description (excluding sequence listing part)	: 14	2. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney		
claims	: 7	3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:		
abstract	: 1	4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature		
drawings	: 12	5. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):		
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Total number of sheets : 36				
Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract: <u>1</u>		Language of filing of the international application      English		
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Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request)				
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3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing' the purported international application:	
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Attorney Docket No.	P-2836-AL

I. Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

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20 January 2004
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I hereby certify that the application/correspondence attached hereto is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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II. ☐ New International Application

TITLE	INTERNAL TISSUE RETRACTOR
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Earliest priority date (Day/Month/Year)
24 January 2003

**SCREENING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION:** In order to assist in screening the accompanying international application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted and for other purposes, the following information is supplied. (Note: check as many boxes as apply):

- A. ☐ The invention disclosed was not made in the United States.  
 B. ☐ There is no prior U.S. application relating to this invention.  
 C. ☒ The following prior U.S. application(s) contain subject matter which is related to the invention disclosed in the attached international application. (NOTE: priority to these applications may or may not be claimed on form PCT/RO/101 (Request) and this listing does not constitute a claim for priority.)

application no.	60/422,390	filed on	24 January 2003
application no.		filed on	

- D. ☐ The present international application contains additional subject matter not found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C. above. The additional subject matter is found on pages  and ☐ DOES NOT ALTER ☐ MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ALTER the general nature of the invention in a manner which would require the U.S. application to have been made available for inspection by the appropriate defense agencies under 35 U.S.C. 181 and 37 CFR 5.1. See 37 CFR 5.15.

III. ☐ A Response to an Invitation from the RO/US. The following document(s) is (are) enclosed:

- A. ☐ A Request for An Extension of Time to File a Response  
 B. ☐ A Power of Attorney (General or Regular)  
 C. ☐ Replacement pages:

pages		of the request (PCT/RO/101)	pages		of the figures
pages		of the description	pages		of the abstract
pages		of the claims			

- D. ☐ Submission of Priority Documents

Priority document		Priority document	
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- E. ☐ Fees as specified on attached Fee Calculation sheet form PCT/RO/101 annex

IV. ☐ A Request for Rectification under PCT 91 ☐ A Petition ☐ A Sequence Listing Diskette

V. ☐ Other (please specify):

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